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operation. This project will be further advanced at the Pan-Pacific Scientific Congress to be held in Honolulu from August 2 to 20.

Notable features of the meeting were the presidential address by Dr. John C. Merriam who spoke on "The research spirit in the every-day affairs of the average man" and the address by Professor R. W. Brock, of the University of British Columbia, on "The last crusade under Allenby." On account of illness, Dr. Charles E. St. John, of Mount Wilson Observatory, was unable to give the Sigma Xi-Phi Beta Kappa lecture. His place was supplied by Dr. Paul W. Merrill, of Mount Wilson Observatory, who spoke on "The chemistry of the stars."

Dr. William E. Ritter, director of the Scripps Institution for Biological Research, was elected president of the Pacific Division for the year 1920-21. Dr. William M. Dehn, professor of chemistry, University of Washington and Dr. E. P. Lewis, professor of physics, University of California, were elected members of the executive committee to serve five years and Dr. E. C. Franklin, professor of chemistry, Stanford University, was elected a member of the executive committee to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Dr. Ritter to the presidency.

The officers of the Pacific Division for the coming year are accordingly as follows:

Dr. William E. Ritter, president, Scripps Institution for Biological Research, La Jolla, Calif.

Dr. Barton W. Evermann, vice-president and chairman of the executive committee, California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, Calif.

W. W. Sargeant, secretary-treasurer, California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, Calif.

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Dr. Barton W. Evermann, chairman, California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, Calif.

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Dr. T. F. Hunt, University of California, Berkeley, Calif.

Dr. E. P. Lewis, University of California, Berkeley, Calif.

Dr. D. T. MacDougal, Desert Laboratory, Tucson, Arizona.

An amendment to the constitution of the Pacific Division was proposed in executive session held Thursday evening June 17 to exclude Arizona and the states of Chihuahua and Sonora in Mexico from the territory of the division. This action was in conformity with that taken by the National Council which has caused these states to be included in a recently organized division of the American Association.

As an encouraging sign that the purposes of the annual meeting are being in some measure fulfilled it is noted that considerable publicity was given to the meeting in the Seattle papers. At least two editorials appeared on topics related to the discussions and reports of the meetings were given in some detail. This would indicate that the public is becoming more generally interested in the progress of science and augurs well for the future support of scientific investigation.

Announcement was made by the executive committee that the next annual meeting would be held in the San Francisco Bay region, the definite time and place to be determined later. This location will accommodate the largest number of members and should insure a good attendance for the 1921 meeting.

W. W. SARGENT,  
*Secretary*

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